

Sl. No.	Region and Route	Route length (Km)
1	2	3
Southern Region		
32.	Cochin-Madurai	280
33.	Karwar-Hubli-Gooty-Nellore	790
34.	Karwar-Mysore-Calicut (Kozhikode)	360
35.	Rajahmundry-Jagadalpur	460
36.	Nizambad-Jagadalpur	460
37.	Vijayawada-Machilipatnam,	70
Total:		12955 Km

Jute Mills in NE Region

6061. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jute mills in the North-Eastern region and the number of workers employed therein, State-wise;

(b) whether the raw materials locally available are sufficient to run these units;

(c) whether all these units are facing crisis;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

(e) whether there is any plan to set up new jute mill in that region; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Two jute mills are located in the North Eastern region of our country. The mill located in Tripura employs 1734 workers

and the mill located in Assam employs 4850 workers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The problems faced these mills include shrinkage in market due to competition from lower priced synthetic substitutes, low productivity, wide fluctuations in prices, lack of adequate and timely modernisation etc.

(e) and (f). According to the new Industrial Policy, no license is required to set up jute mills in any part of the country including the North Easter region.

Construction of Bridge on Teesta River

6962. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of a bridge over Teesta river on National Highway No. 31-A in Sikkim has been considerably delayed; and